



## California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

September 14, 2012

Mr. Neil Mohr, General Manager  
Ramona Landfill Inc.  
8514 Mast Boulevard  
Santee, CA 92071

In reply refer to:  
251586:ctamaki

### **SUBJECT: RAMONA LANDFILL INSPECTION REPORT**

Mr. Mohr:

Enclosed is a copy of our June 12, 2012 inspection of the Ramona Landfill. During the inspection, contaminated green waste was observed on the entire existing cover for the Ramona Landfill. The use of contaminated green waste on the final cover is a violation of Title 27 California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 21090(a)(3)(A)(1)a, which states that the vegetative layer of the final cover shall not contain waste. As a result, the existing landfill cover does not qualify as a final cover under the conditions specified in the cited section of CCR Title 27.

Similar conditions were also observed during a compliance inspection conducted on June 11, 2011 (sent to Mr. Neil Mohr by letter dated July 6, 2011). During that inspection, contaminated green waste was observed on a much smaller area of the cover, i.e., the northern sideslope and a small portion of the eastern sideslope. At that time, Mr. Tom Gardner indicated that the wastes would be picked out of the contaminated green waste. All of the contamination needs to be removed in order to comply with the final cover requirements of CCR Title 27.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "In reply refer to:" information located in the heading of this letter. For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Ms. Carol Tamaki at (858) 467-2982 or [ctamaki@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ctamaki@waterboards.ca.gov).

Respectfully,

John R. Odermatt, M.Sc., P.G.  
Senior Engineering Geologist, Land Disposal Unit

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Enclosure: Landfill Inspection Report from June 12, 2012 and Photos

cc: Ms. KariLyn Merlos, County of San Diego, Community Health Division, Local Enforcement Agency, 5500 Overland Ave., Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92123 (with attachment)

Mr. Eric Becker, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (copy via e-mail)

Tech Staff Info & Use	
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# Landfill Inspection Report



**Name of Facility:** Ramona Landfill  
**Owner:** Ramona Landfill, Inc.  
**Operator:** Ramona Landfill Inc.  
**Facility Address:** Pamo jRoad  
**RB Inspector:** Carol Tamaki

**Date:** June 12, 2012  
**WDR No.:** 2000-06  
**Inspection Type:** B  
**Mgr./Sup. Of Site:**

Checked? (Yes/No)	Description	Comments
	<b>WDR/File Review</b>	
	RB File Review	
	WDR Status	
	Permitted Waste: Hazardous, Nonhazardous, Designated, Inert, Sewage Sludge, Ash, Auto Shredder, Liquids, Condensate, Other	
	Are Self Monitoring Reports Submitted On Time?	
	Have Past Violations Been Corrected?*	
	*If no, identify violation(s):	
	<b>Field Inspection</b>	
No	Site Activity	Inactive
No	WDR Reflects Current Discharge?*	
	*If no, identify: WDR Not Current, Type or Rate Changed, Monitoring Reporting Program Changed, Inadequate Load Checking, Other	
Yes	<b>Cover Material, Site Conditions/Maintenance</b>	
No	Type of Cover	
No	Does Cover Provide Adequate Protection?*	No
	*If no, identify: Exposed Waste, Litter Off-site, Seeps, Leachate, Ponding, Poor Drainage, Odors, Other Nuisance Condition	
	<b>Precipitation/Drainage Controls</b>	
Yes	Is Drainage System Adequate?*	
	*If no, identify: Erosion, Downcutting, Flooding, Ponding, Does Not Control Peak Flows	
Yes	<b>Water Quality Monitoring Program</b>	
	Type of Monitoring Program: Surface Water, Groundwater, Unsaturated Zone, Condensate, Leachate, Other	
Yes	Is Monitoring Program Adequate?*	
	*If no, identify: Construction Problem, Broken, Could Not Find, Unknown	
No	Samples Collected? (sample no. & location)	



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**Additional Comments: identify each violation and/or correction**

Mulch placed on the landfill is contaminated with plastic and other wastes as documented in the attached photos. The Discharger has been notified by letter dated July 6, 2011 that the use of contaminated green waste on final cover is a violation of Title 27, California Code of Regulations section 21090(3)(3)(A)(1). The Discharger has tried to manually remove the contaminants over the past year. The presence of contaminated waste in the mulch continues to be a potential stormwater issue.

The Items listed or circled above are a violation of the Waste Discharge Requirements for this site. Please take steps to correct these violations as soon as possible, but no later than

Signed by Regional Board Inspector:

Date:

9/14/12

Received by Manager/Supervisor:

Date:

9/14/12

Attachments:

# RAMONA LANDFILL INSPECTION

June 12, 2012



Photos of contaminated mulch on the existing landfill cover.

